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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. SOEDA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/806,098  
Filed: March 23, 2004  
For: DISK ARRAY DEVICE AND DISK ARRAY DEVICE CABLE  
SUPPORT METHOD  
Group: 2835  
Examiner: C. Broussard

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

**MS AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 8, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments

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